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SUBJECT: REPORTS ON YUN PO SUN TRIAL

1. WEEKEND WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN JULY 13 BY EX-PRESIDENT YUN PO SUN QUOTED YUN AS SAYING HE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED OF INDICTMENT AGAINST HIM AND THAT HE IS TO APPEAR AT OPEN SESSION COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL SET FOR JULY 16. AGENCE, FRANCE PRESS EXPANDS ON STORY JULY 15 INDICATING THREE INTELLECTUALS WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT, PROF. KIM CHAN KOO, DEAN OF THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE YONSEI UNIVERSITY, PROF KIM DONG KIL OF YONSEI UNIVERSITY, AND REV. PARK YUONG KYU, ALSO WILL BE INDICTED FOR "STIRRING UP RIOT BY THE YOUTH LEAGUE".
 2. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED PRIMIN SECRETARY HAN SANG KUK IF THESE REPORTS TRUE LATTER TELEPHONED BLUE HOUSE, THEN REPORTED YUN PO SUN WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INDICTED. YUN WAS BEING REQUESTED TO COME TO FIRST TRIAL SESSION OF OTHER THREE "ON REFERENCE." WHEN ASKED WHAT THIS MEANT, HAN SAID: "AS A WITNESS OF COURSE; YUN WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH OTHERS AND KNOWS ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES." KIM DONG KIL, REV. PARK, AND PROF. KIM
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CHAN KOO WERE BEING TRIED FOR VIOLATING THE EMERGENCY

MEASURES HAN SAID.

3. DESPITE HAN'S FIRM STATEMENT THAT YUN NOT INCLUDED AMONG THOSE CHARGED, STORY OF INDICTMENT OF YUN AS WELL AS OTHER THREE WAS CONFIRMED JULY 15 BY AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOURCE, A G-2 SOURCE QUOTING MRS. KIM DAE JUNG WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN TEXT OF INDICTMENT, AND EMBASSY CONTACT WHO CHECKED STORY PERSONALLY WITH SECRETARY OF YUN.

4. COMMENT: WE INCLINED TO ACCEPT PRIMIN SECRETARY HAN'S ASSURANCE THAT YUN PO SUN NOT HIMSELF INDICTED, ALTHOUGH WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL TRIAL SESSION FOR CLARIFICATION. REGARDLESS WHETHER YUN PO SUN TRIED, OTHER THREE DEFENDANTS ARE MAJOR FIGURES IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, (THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS TO BE INDICTED TO DATE), AND THEIR TRIAL WILL RAISE TENSION SEVERAL MORE MOTCHES.
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